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Atty Docket No: 407E-914400US

Client Ref: 2000-364-1

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:

Donna G. Albertson; Daniel Pinkel; Antoine Snijders

Application No.: 09/574,386

Filed: 5/19/2000

For: **Methods And Compositions For Preparation Of A Polynucleotide Array**

Examiner: Spiegler, A.

Art Unit: 1637

AMENDMENT/RESPONSE

Commissioner for Patents
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INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated April 15, 2003, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the above-identified application in view of the following amendments and/or remarks. The following documents are enclosed herewith:

- 1) A petition to extend the period of response for 3 months; and
- 2) Declaration Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.132 of Dr. Donna G. Albertson.

Please amend the specification and claims as shown herein.

Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims that begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 6 of this paper.